(d) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Premium Rate Metered (PRM) service is basically aimed at offering the specialized information to the public from the experts like legal advice, medical advice, financial/stock market information etc. at a premium. The pulse rates which are possible on the Intelligent Network (IN) Platform for the PRM service are of 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 30, 60 and 90 Seconds. Depending on the market, the PRM. Service Provider opts for one of the pulse rates for the PRM Service and gives publicity in the newspaper also.

(c) BSNL is the network service provider and not the content provider. The content is provided by the PRM service provider.

(d) (i) This service has been made available to those subscribers who have STD facility.

(ii) The STD facility itself is provided with dynamic locking arrangement.

(iii) Access to PRM service is disabled for those customers who request for the same.

(iv) BSNL has asked the PRM service providers to sign the service agreements after which BSNL shall be able to take steps including termination of the services in case a complaint is received against any illegal or unlawful activity of the PRM service provider.

Mobile pulse rate in Orissa

2491. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has got the lowest share in telecommunications, mobile, dot.com, internet and other telecom services, if so, the reasons, therefor;

(b) the number of telephones given to different States including Orissa during the last three years;

(c) whether it is also a fact that pulse rate of mobile telephones in Orissa is four times more than the pulse time in Mumbai and Delhi; and

(d) whether it is because one particular Company is monopolising in whole Eastern Zone?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir. Statement I gives the Tele Density per hundred population in all the States (*See* below). Tele Density in Orissa is 1.55 which is better than some other States like Assam, Bihar, UP(East) etc. Cellular Mobile Service at present is provided by a private operator, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is planning to start the service in Orissa during the current year 2001-2002. All the 12 Secondary Switching Area (SSA) head quarters have been provided with Internet nodes by BSNL.

(b) The details of the total number of fixed telephones given in different States including Orissa by BSNL in the last three years is given in Statement II (*See* below).

(c) and (d) Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) Tariffs are specified by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) in its Telecommunications Tariff Order (TTO), 1999. These tariffs are for standard tariff package, which must always be offered to the subscribers by the service providers. The standard tariff package offer by the service providers is identical in all parts of the country. In addition to the standard tariff package, the service providers are free to offer alternate packages subject to the approval of TRAI. The subscriber is free to choose from among all tariff package including the standard tariff package.

Licences to two private operators namely, M/s. Reliance Telecom (P) Limited and M/s Koshika Telecom Pvt. Limited and one licence to Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) was granted to provide Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (CMTS) in Orissa Telecom Circle in line with other Parts of the country. However, one licence of M/s. Koshika Telecom was terminated on 22.05.1999 due to non-payment of licence fee dues. The number of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service subscribers of private operator in Orissa Telecom Circle as on 30.06.2001 is 29,223.

Since at present there is only one private operator providing Cellular Service in Orissa, there is no competition. Once Bharat Sanchar Nigam Liamited (BSNL) starts service, the tariff may come down due to competition.

Statement I

Circle-wise Tele density for BSNL

Circle	Tele density
Andaman and Nicobar	8.56
Andhra Pradesh	4.12
Assam	1.42*
Jharkhand	1.16*
Bihar	0.80*
Gujarat	5.34
Haryana	4.19
Himachal Pradesh	6.20
Jammu and Kashmir	1.80
Karnataka	4.79
Kerala	7.83
Madhya Pradesh	2.08
Chhattisgarh	1.12*
Maharashtra	4.13
NE-I	2.30
NE-II	1.90
Orissa	1.55
Punjab	7.13
Rajasthan	2.54
Chennai	17.16
Tamil Nadu	4.82
Uttranchal	3.13
UP (East)	1.33*
UP (West)	2.28
West Bengal	2.19
Kolkata	10.81
All India	3.61

Maharashtra Includes Goa and excludes MTNL Mumbai.

Tamil Nadu Includes Pondicherry.

West Bengal Includes Sikkim.

North-East includes NE-I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)

NE-II (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur)

All India tele density includes DELs of Private Operators and Cellular Connections.

Statement II

Number of telephone given State-wise during the last three years

Name of State	No. of Telephones given during		
	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Andaman and Nicobar	7501	8690	5613
Andhra Pradesh	404980	655008	610931
Assam	50375	61162	65260
Bihar	103128	125179	264396
Gujarat	255388	374022	476841
Haryana	96170	117436	152193
Himachal Pradesh	43217	60027	61761
Jammu and Kashmir	18501	22158	43512
Karnataka	237002	364715	427155
Kerala	271065	350055	456444
Madhya Pradesh	140352	154816	167166
Maharashtra	502129	657868	779027
North East	35116	43801	49274
Orissa	68175	89036	103107
Punjab	193469	208288	251197
Rajasthan	171445	182395	216886
Tamil Nadu	480238	546170	702187
Uttar Pradesh	341602	418217	527929
West Bengal	281745	301803	402290
Delhi	90392	176733	161620

Net Switching Capacity of Orissa as on 30.6.2001 667589
Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) as on 30.6.2001 541503
Uttar Pradesh Includes Uttaranchal
Madhya Pradesh Includes Chhattisgarh
Maharashtra Includes Mumbai
Tamil Nadu Includes Chennai
Bihar Includes Jharkhand
West Bengal Includes Kolkata
North East Includes NE- I (Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura)
NE-II (Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur)